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In re Application of :  
Robert S. Block :  
Application No. 08/697,542 :  
Filed: August 27, 1996 :  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR :  
INFORMATION LABELING AND :  
CONTROL :

**DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL**

This is a decision on the Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.102, filed October 17, 1996, to make the above-identified application special.

Petitioner requests that the above-identified application be made special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age.

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. 1.102 and in accordance with M.P.E.P. 708.02, IV must include a showing, as by a birth certificate or the applicant's affidavit or declaration, that the applicant is sixty-five (65) years or age or more. No fee is required for this petition.

The petition complies with the requirements stated above.

Accordingly, the petition is GRANTED.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for examination under the accelerated examination procedure.

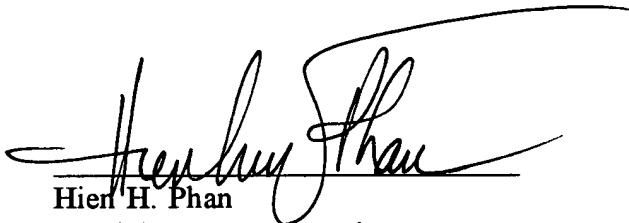
If the examiner can make this application special without prejudice to any possible interfering applications, and he or she should make a rigid search for such, he or she is authorized to do so for the next action. Should the application be rejected, the application will not be considered special for the subsequent action unless the applicant promptly makes a bona fide effort to place the application in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to have an interview with the examiner to accomplish this purpose.

If the examiner finds any interfering application for the same subject matter, he or she should consider such application simultaneously with this application and should state in the official letter of such application that he or she is taking it out of its turn because of possible interference.

Should an appeal be taken in this application or should this application becomes involved in an interference, consideration of the appeal and the interference will be expedited by all Patent and Trademark Office officials concerned, contingent likewise upon diligent prosecution by the applicant.

After allowance, this application will be given priority for printing. See M.P.E.P. § 1309.

The petition is granted to the extent indicated.



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